



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 645 **Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 16, 2001

SUMMARY

H.R. 645 would reauthorize funding for projects carried out under the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994. Specifically, the bill would authorize appropriations through 2007 for such projects to the Multinational Species Conservation Fund at the existing authorization level of up to \$10 million annually. The current authorizations expire after fiscal year 2002. The Secretary of the Interior uses this fund primarily to help finance research and conservation programs overseas.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 645 would result in additional discretionary spending of \$35 million over the 2003-2006 period. (An additional \$15 million would be spent after 2006.) The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 645 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 645 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the entire amounts authorized by the bill would be appropriated for each fiscal year. Outlay estimates are based on recent spending patterns for this program. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Authorization Level ^a	1	10	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	6	3	1	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	0	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	0	0	6	9	10	10
Spending Under H.R. 645						
Estimated Authorization Level ^a	1	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	2	6	9	10	10	10

a. The 2001 level is the amount appropriated for that year for rhinoceros and tiger conservation. The 2002 level is the amount authorized under current law.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 645 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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